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(Genesis 25:22). The Lord told her: “*Two nations are in your womb*” (vs. 23). These were not “potential life” they were children who would give rise to two mighty nations, Israel and Edom. When Mary visited with Elizabeth, Elizabeth reported that her babe leaped in her womb when Mary entered the house (Luke 1:41-44). Both Mary and Elizabeth were carrying babies at the time; one would become John the baptist, and the other would be the Savior of the world (John 1:14; 3:16). Jeremiah the prophet was told: “*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations*” (Jeremiah 1:5).

This year, during a worldwide pandemic that has everyone demanding the wearing of masks by *everyone*, hand sanitizer is hard to come by, and toilet paper is intermittently horded, there will be millions of babies murdered by mothers, fathers, and doctors. Unfortunately, the knowledge of this fact will not raise the pulse of most humans by even a single degree. Few will take notice of the rampant murder of the most innocent of human beings. Some people will even cheer the statistics, because they believe it is a woman’s “right” to do with her body whatever she wants to do. Never mind that it is actually another human’s body she is actually killing.

People will be denied service in restaurants because they don’t have on the appropriate face wear, and babies will be thrown into the trash. What has become of the world we are living in? What has happened dear friends is that men and women have abandoned God (Romans 1:28), and morals decline more and more. We must fight for the babies who were created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27)

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Sunday:

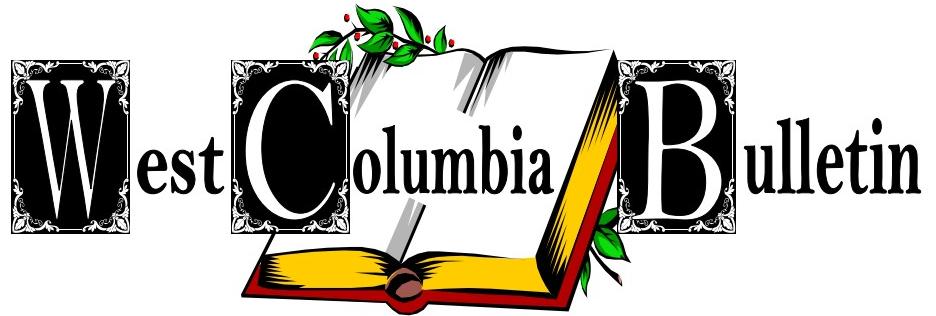
Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.

Worship 9:50 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.



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The Murder Of The Innocents

David Weakls

It is the position of the Bible that murder is a sin. Moses' Law condemned murder in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17; Matthew 5:21). The New Testament is equally plain in its prohibition against murder. Peter said: “*But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters*” (1 Peter 4:15). John said “*...you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him*” (1 John 3:15). Yet, in our world, there is a kind of murder that is protected and even cherished as a “right” – *abortion*.

Statistics show that there are some 40-50 million

abortions per year, worldwide. By comparison, cancer killed about 9.6 million people worldwide in 2018, and in 2016 roughly 250,000 people died in gun violence around the world. It is obvious that abortion is the greatest threat to human life on the planet!

The cold hard fact is that many people do not consider unborn babies human life. Beat and kill a dog and you can go to jail, but you can kill an unborn baby and people will march in a parade to celebrate your right to do so.

According to the Bible, unborn babies are human life. Isaac's wife, Rebekah prayed to God for help, because her “*children struggled within her*”

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THE DEVIL'S ROAR

David Weak

The scriptures tell us about one called the devil. He is otherwise known as Satan (Revelation 12:9). Contrary to popular opinion, the devil's name is not "Lucifer." The name Lucifer was applied to the king of Babylon, not the devil (Isaiah 14:4, 12). The Bible does not teach that the devil is a fallen angel, but rather that his origin was in creation (Colossians 1:16), and he was present in the earliest days of the Bible story (see: Genesis 3:1ff).

Here are some things the Bible says about the devil:

- John 8:44 - he is the father of lies;
- Matthew 13:39 - he is the enemy of God's disciples;
- 1Corinthians 7:5 - he is the tempter of man; (1Thessalonians 3:5);
- 2 Corinthians 4:4 - he is the "god of this world";
- 1John 3:8 - he is the originator of sin;

- 1John 5:18-19 - he is the Evil One;
- Revelation 12:9 - he is the deceiver of the world;
- Revelation 12:9 – he is the "great dragon" the "serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan."

Clearly, the devil is a formidable foe of all who want to live righteously. Yet, he is not so deadly that he cannot be resisted. The scriptures remind us often to be sober and vigilant and to resist him (1 Peter 5:8-9; James 4:7). Those who wish to live godly lives must remember that they are only "*sojourners and pilgrims*" on the earth, and so they must "*abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul*" (1 Peter 2:11-12). Through the knowledge of the scriptures one is able to come to an understanding of the devil's devices which enables him to resist the devil (2 Corinthians 2:11).

One trait of the devil, of which you must be aware, is his roar (1 Peter 5:8). Peter compares the devil to a lion. A lion only roars and pounces on its prey, when its prey is completely unaware of his presence. While the prey is occupied mundane matters of survival, the lion tears out of the savannah roaring its blood-curdling roar, freezing his prey in its tracks, making him an easy meal. This is why the Bible counsels vigilance.

The greatest tool the devil has in his arsenal is false doctrine and false teachers who purvey it. False teachers lull men to sleep with their comforting but false teachings. They call evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20), confusing men's minds and hearts. They promise liberty to those who follow them, but only bring their subjects into bondage to the devil (2 Peter 2:19). Unfortunately, many will follow their destructive heresies (2 Peter 2:1). When the judgment day arrives, the roar of the devil will surely turn to laughter, as the Lord Jesus Christ says "*Depart from me, you who work lawlessness*"

(Matthew 7:23).

The devil, like a roaring lion does not announce himself and then play with you like a cat with a mouse. Instead, he allures you through the lusts of your flesh. He lulls you to sleep with promises of peace (Jeremiah 6:14). Like gazelles drinking water by a watering hole, unaware of the danger in the tall Savannah grass, we fall asleep in the presence of the greatest enemy to ever threaten mankind - the devil. When we sleep the most comfortable and soundly, the devil roars his blood curdling roar, and we sleep on, blissfully unaware that sin is at our door, and our eternal doom is near.

Folks, we need to wake up. We need to take the Bible's doctrine of the devil seriously. He is a roaring lion, he is seeking our destruction, and we must resist him steadfast in the faith (1 Peter 5:9). Otherwise, we will never hear his roar until it is too late, and we are lost.